

Church of the Ascension

Invites You to Share with us. . .

+ Our Pastoral Staff +

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First Holy Communion



+ Our Pastoral Life +

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish family. Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register at the Parish Office. Please inform us if you are moving.

BAPTISM:

It is mandatory to attend a baptism instruction class before scheduling the date for the baptism. Baptism is usually celebrated on the third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must be registered parishioners and must attend pre-Baptism instruction usually given on the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing. Pre-registration at the Parish Office is necessary prior to the Baptism instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Other times by appointment. Communal Penance Services are celebrated seasonally.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

Please notify the Rectory of any elderly, shut-ins, or sick at home who wish to receive the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. Priests of the parish will be happy to visit parishioners in the hospitals in the area. Please notify the Parish Office if someone from your family is in the hospital and wishes a priest to visit.

WEDDINGS:

Please make arrangements at the Parish Office with one of the priests of the parish one year in advance.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

+ Our Parish Mission Statement +

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we, the Catholic Community of the Church of the Ascension, New Milford, commit ourselves to celebrate the Gospel of Jesus in Sacrament and Prayer. We dedicate ourselves to foster a warm and loving parish of concern and service for the individual, family and total community.

+ Our Eucharistic Celebrations +

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Monday - Friday

One Daily Mass at 8:30am

8:00am Summer

7:30 p.m. (Fridays during Lent)

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Please see inside bulletin for Holiday Mass time

+ Our Devotions +

Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday 7:45 a.m.



PARISH CENTER

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER/RECTORY

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Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

- 5:30 Sommo & Lanza Families
- 7:30 Rose DiPippo
- 9:30 Kandathil Family (L)
- 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, March 22, 2021

- 8:30 Xavier Lawrence Habana (L)

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

- 8:30 Delfin Salon

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

- 8:30 Agapito/Desamparades Hontanosas

The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday, March 25, 2021

- 8:30 Dionisio M. Trube, 40th Day
- 8:30 Pauline Figalora, B'day remb. (D)

Friday, March 26, 2021

- 8:30 Alfraiz Cajucom, Fourth Anniv.
- 7:30pm Federico Tababan

Saturday, March 27, 2021

- 8:30 Arthur Hirtler
- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28, 2021

- 7:30 Michael Koch
- 9:30 Maureen Bottcher
- 11:30 Juvie Maghirang

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

March 14, 2021: \$3,594.00
Social Concerns: \$ 752.00

Thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

**Readings for Sunday
 March 28, 2021**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

When Jesus tells us that we must lose our life in order to gain it, he is not playing mind games with us. On the contrary, he is giving us words that could make the difference between life and death. If we ignore his words, we could find ourselves in a kind of living death. But if we take his words into ourselves and live by them, we could start to experience life as Jesus wished us to experience it.

There are many things we tend to cling to, but one thing that many of us cling to are **our ideas—right or wrong**. In our lives, many of us cling to destructive, or simply false, ideas that prevent us from really living healthy and full lives. Clinging to old and outworn ideas is the surest way to prevent growth in our lives, and, in fact, such clinging prevents growth in understanding of one another and of life, in general. It can also put a roadblock in our love for one another.

Clinging to old and outworn ideas can also prevent proper and life-giving respect for our environment. It can hinder progress and keep us enslaved to inefficient and backward ways of doing things. Actually it is hard to imagine the wide-ranging and devastating effect that such clinging can have in our lives and in our world.

If it is true that we carry around within us so many unexamined ideas about our lives, then why don't we just stop, examine our ideas and then change our lives accordingly? Why? Because the cost is too high. If we really looked closely at many of our ideas, we would soon see that our false ideas protect us. They protect us from being just, compassionate, kind, human, understanding and so forth. May we all have the wisdom to look closely at the many ideas which push us through life, and the courage to let die what needs dying, and to embrace what gives life.

✘ Please plan ahead to be with us on Friday, March 26th. We will join together for our **Parish Lenten Evening of Recollection** which will begin at 7pm when we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, opportunity for individual sacramental Reconciliation, and at 8:45pm we will conclude with Benediction. What a beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the holiest week of the year!

✘ Our **Holy Week and Easter Schedule** has been sent to you in the mail and is printed in this week's bulletin. Please keep it handy. Let it be an invitation and reminder for you and your family to participate in the liturgies of this holiest week of the year. We are blessed when you are present. **Please plan on joining us in our celebrations — and bring someone you love with you. But please, remember to register with the Parish Office.**

✘ The **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2021** is well underway. Thank you to our 98 parish families who have already contributed \$35,330.00 to the 2021 Appeal.

Cardinal Tobin has set our 2021 goal at \$36,600.00. There is still time to make a pledge. Contribution envelopes are in the vestibule. Please, I ask that all of our parish families contribute to the great good we of Ascension can do with God's grace when we choose to help the neediest of our Archdiocese. Help us to reach and even surpass our goal. **Give a little; give a lot; but please give something!**

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too. God Love You!

P. David

BREAKING BREAD

With Daily Mass Propers

Our Hymnals/Missalletes with daily and Sunday readings for the 2021 Liturgical Year are available. You may purchase one for your use the cost \$6.00 each. Please see Father David after mass or call the parish office (201-836-8961).

Returning to Grace:

A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist
By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark
Booklets available in the vestibule of church
or in the parish center office.

MEMORIALS

“THANK YOU”...to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Parish Office (201)836-8961.
Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

MEMORIAL CANDLES:	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	\$40 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50
	(per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
In Memory of: _____
Date Requested: _____

Please Notice This



OUR PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ASCENSION PARISH CENTER. THE PARISH CENTER BUILDING IS LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE CHURCH & THE ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE STATUE OF JESUS. PLEASE VISIT US HERE FOR ALL YOUR PARISH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS. CENTER OPENS AT 9:00AM MONDAY-FRIDAY. ALL OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.



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Calendar:

March 23, 2021 – 1st to 6th grades Chapter 21 reviews are due

March 24, 2021 – 7th grade please make sure you have completed up to Chapter 5 in “Christ in the New Testament & 8th grade please make sure you have completed up to Chapter 11 in “Christ Reveals God’s Mystery”, & 9th grade Chapter 6 – Call to Confirmation (Check email for work).

Important:

All families are encouraged to come to Mass and to come on a weekly basis, the Church is open and is a safe place as we follow all safety guidelines. Please call Mrs. Carbone to sign up for Mass.

Parents are reminded to have their children do their weekly assignments and submit to Mrs. Carbone the on-line work for the Sunday Program by Tuesday and the Monday & Wednesday Program by Wednesday of each week. 9th Grade Parents please check your emails for the weekly Chapter reviews. Anyone that has any questions please contact Mrs. Carbone. Please make sure that all directions are followed on all sheets in the packet.

Please make sure that all NEW work in the packet is returned on the return date and all old work that is returned is taken out of the packet.

The 2021/2022 Registration Forms will be emailed out in the near future. Please fill them out and return before June 30th. Remember that one form for each student and please make sure that you update your email address and phone numbers

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- † Children’s Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience sharing their faith and working with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Parish Center
Other times by appointment

MARCH 21, 2021

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

UP-DATED Directives for Parish Liturgical Celebrations during the Covid 19 Pandemic

The guidelines below, given by Cardinal Tobin, apply to all churches and must be observed without exception.

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday & Holy Days.
2. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19, who have been exposed to an infected person, or have traveled to unsafe places listed on the CDC.gov website, are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days. *It is recommended that before Mass, everyone should check their temperature at home before coming to Church.*
 - Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risks posed by attendance at public celebrations of the Mass
3. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
4. Individuals must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
5. A household may be seated together and not observe social distancing.

A household is defined as those people who have been living together under the same roof in close proximity throughout the quarantine. It does not include relative from other addressed or other extended family.

Note: There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus.

In addition, here at Ascension until further notice, these additional directives must be followed for your safety:

Daily Mass and Week-End Mass Schedule and directives are as follows

PLEASE CALL/E-MAIL TO RESERVE FOR
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

- Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
You may reserve for daily & Sunday Mass for multiple weeks
Please call or E-mail by 3:00pm on Friday.
 - **Full names of those attending, date/time of mass & phone #**
201-836-3085 or ascensionreled@optonline.net
- One Mass will be celebrated at **8:30am** in the Church (Monday-Friday). **During Lent will celebrate Mass at 7:30pm on Friday.** Our daily Mass will continue to be Livestreamed via Facebook.
- Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated & Livestreamed at **8:30am** in the Church.
- **Saturday Evening Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 5:30pm and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. Only the 5:30pm Mass will be Livestreamed via Facebook.**
 - Attendance will be taken and no one will be admitted after Mass begins (doors will be locked).

All Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms will follow the same protocol.

-Enter front doors of church-hand sanitizer will be available for your use

-**All visitors, including children, must wear masks, have and use their own wipes.**

Please wipe down area you have used and take with you any items you use.

-Practice social distancing (6 feet apart). We have roped off pews not to be used.

-You may light candles, please refrain from touching other areas in church.

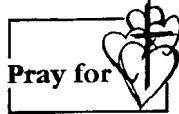
-Children must remain with adults at all times

-**Please** No gathering or socializing in church or on church property

Confessions, please call the parish office, 201-836-8961, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times. God Bless

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"To everything there is a season...

"a time to be healed..."

Angelita Villaluna, Elnora Gordon, Al Suter, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Marguerite Morris, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, John Thomas, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Eileen Kloeblen, Judith Gonzales, Monica Vivas, Diane Warings, Jane Rodriguez, Herman Ivan Rodriguez, Joel Rivera, Victor Muwonge, Aldo Guerra, Evelyn Lawler, Mary Anne Meyer, John Quinn, Peggy Evans, Neil Magbanua,, Vincent Guido, John Person Amy Irwin, Louis Vallis, Bob Carucci, Danny Allen, John Person and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan, Sr. A James Penser, Beale AFB,CA and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

For all of our Emergency, Medical & First Responders.

"a time for peace..."

our National and all World Leaders.

and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**EVENING OF RECOLLECTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021
IN CHURCH**

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the parish office to check availability.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH
INFORMATION
FLYERS*FORMS*SCHEDULES*BULLETINS
UPCOMING EVENTS
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM**



Sunday, March 21, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

Not Livestreamed

Monday, March 22, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Friday, March 26, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Mass at 8:30am in Church & livestreamed

Mass at 5:30pm in Church & livestreamed

PALM SUNDAY



Sunday, March 28, 2021

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am in Church

Not Livestreamed

This week-end our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. Please be as generous as your means allows.

St. Peter Academy, a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon school, in River Edge, NJ, is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. St. Peter Academy is committed to providing a safe, faith-based academic experience with in-person instruction, five days a week. With high school fast approaching, now is the time to reap the benefits of a real school setting with dedicated teachers committed to Catholic values. Visit spare.org/application-for-admissions to start the process or call 201-261-3468 for more information.

Catholic Stewardship in Action 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish goal is \$36,600. Thank you to the 98 families/individuals who have made a pledge. To date we have \$35,330.00 in pledges. You may pick up a brochure, which outlines areas of support, in the front vestibule of church or in the parish office. Please prayerfully consider making your gift via pledge or direct donation by check, credit card, matching or planned gift today. There is also a direct link on our website. Thank you for your support.



REMEMBER DURING LENT

Evening Mass on Friday at 7:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross.



PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

During this Lenten season please consider Stewardship, the sharing of your talents and time with any of the many ministries we offer here at your parish. Sing in our Choirs (adult/children)*Become a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at our weekend Masses*Minister at Woodcrest*Help plan our Parish Events*Become an Altar Server (adult/child).

Yes I am willing to share my talent & time. please contact me

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Ministry: _____

(Please print and return to the parish office or in collection basket)



WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

The priests & ministers of Ascension Parish welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below. You may return by putting into collection basket, mail or stop by the parish center office. Thank You!

I would like....

- _____ to become a Parishioner
- _____ to change my address
- _____ to join a ministry
- _____ to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

**HELP US TO FEED THE HUNGRY
FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION – APRIL 19th**

The following are items most needed to restock our shelves this month. Any item or items you can purchase for our pantry would be greatly appreciated. God Bless you for your continued support of this most important ministry to the poor.

- LEMONADE MIX-GRAPE JUICE-APPLE JUICE-JELL-O
- CRANBERRY JUICE-CANNED PEARS-BROWN RICE
- CLAM CHOWDER-LENTIL SOUP-BEEF GRAVY
- CHICKEN GRAVY-PUDDING-HOT COCOA-COOKIES
- CRACKERS-RAISIN BRAN-APPLE SAUCE-INSTANT RICE
- CANNED PINEAPPLE-CANNED PEACHES-FLAVORED RICE
- TOMATO SOUP-RAMEN SOUP-MUFFIN MIX-DISH SOAP
- SHAMPOO-CONDITIONER-TOOTHPASTE-PAPER TOWELS
- NAPKINS-TISSUES-WOMENS/MENS DEODORANT
- WOMENS/MENS SHAVE CREAM-LAUNDAY DETERGENT

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE PARISH CENTER
Your continued support of our ministry to the poor is greatly appreciated.

Lent – Sacrifice - Clothing Bins -Any Connection?

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children’s books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you.

Thank you to all who have continued making their weekly donations, it is truly appreciated.

Please consider the following:

WE SHARE-ONLINE GIVING
PLEASE GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE
FOR A DIRECT LINK FOR
INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS

www.churchoftheascension.net

OR CONTACT DIRECTLY

WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number:
800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)

WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com

WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

Please remember that during this crisis our monthly financial responsibilities continue.

If you are unable to come to church for Mass
Please mail in or drop off
(in door slot of parish center not black box)
your weekly contributions.
Thank you & God Bless!